



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2017 Wisconsin Act 272**  
[2017 Assembly Bill 825]

**Battery of an Officer of the Court**

Generally, under state law, a person who intentionally causes bodily harm or threatens to cause bodily harm to the person or family member of any current or former judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer is guilty of a Class H felony, if certain circumstances are met.

2017 Wisconsin Act 272 expands this crime to include intentionally causing or threatening to cause bodily harm to certain legal professionals. Specifically, under the Act, a person is guilty of a Class H felony if he or she intentionally causes bodily harm or threatens to cause bodily harm to the person or family member of a current or former guardian ad litem, corporation counsel, or attorney under all of the following circumstances:

- At the time of the act or threat, the actor knows or should have known that the victim is a current or former guardian ad litem, corporation counsel, or attorney, or a member of the current or former guardian ad litem's, corporation counsel's, or attorney's family.
- The act or threat is in response to an action taken by the current or former guardian ad litem, corporation counsel, or attorney in his or her official capacity in a proceeding under ch. 48, 51, 54, 55, 767, 813, or 938, Stats.
- There is no consent by the person harmed or threatened.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.